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For: NONWOVEN FABRIC OF POLYESTER COMPOSITE FIBER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

The present invention relates to a non-woven fabric comprising heat adhesive composite staple fibers comprising a hot-melt adhesive polymer and a fiber-forming thermoplastic polymer.

In the Office Action of January 12, 2007, claims 1 - 11, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. Patent 6,090,731 (Pike et al) in view of EP 1 110 988 A1 (Yamamoto). The Examiner relied upon Pike et al as teaching forming a conjugate fiber comprising a thermoplastic polyolefin such as polypropylene and a polyester such as polyethylene terephthalate. The Examiner further considered Pike et al to teach the fiber shape